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## Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) A method of operating a multicast radio network including a master radio station and a plurality of slave radio stations, comprising transmitting data from a master station, receiving the data at each of the plurality of slave stations, at each slave station, determining whether the received data is decodeable or undecodeable, transmitting a negative acknowledgement if the received data is undecodeable, transmitting a positive acknowledgement if the received data is decodeable and the slave station is in a first state, transmitting no acknowledgement if the received data is decodeable and the slave station is in a second state, wherein only one of the plurality of slave stations is in the first state.
- 2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising setting at least one of the plurality of slave stations into one of the first and second states in response to receiving a command transmitted by the master station.
- 3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising setting the one of the plurality of slave stations having the lowest quality radio communication with the master station to be the only one of the plurality of slave stations in the first state.
- 4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising adjusting the transmitted power level of at least one of the plurality of slave stations in response to a command transmitted by the master station.

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